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TO Chief of Station, Frankfurt

FROM Chief, ES Info: Chief of Base, Bad Aibling

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/HIWAY
SPECIFIC Helmut TRISKA

Reference: FROB-6940

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1. Certain files at Headquarters have been reviewed, and give the following information on Subject, generally graded C-3. Please note that, according to KUSODA, the information in this dispatch is not to be given to other than staff personnel, and then only on a "need to know" basis. This limitation does not affect duplicate information you have received from other sources.

2. On 22 December 1956, the records of Source were reviewed in the name of Subject and revealed the following information:

Subject: Trade in War Material RE: Siegfried ERZINGER.
Name: Helmut Karl TRISKA
Date of Birth: 10 February 1912
Place of Birth: Knittelfeld, Austria
Nationality: Austrian
Citizenship: German

Occupation: Agent-Salesman, formerly Legation Councillor (Legationsrat A.D.)

Present Address: Homburgerlandstrasse 2/1, Oberursel, c/o Dr. Karl REINHARD, Behm-Trendelenburg, or Eaklum/Leer, Germany. (British Zone)

Business Address: Commissions und Handels, Gesellschaft, M.B.H. Frankfurt/Main, Westend Strasse, 70.

Identifying Documents: Subject has a registration identity card, number and date not recorded, from British Zone of Germany, Eaklum.

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On 25 February 1951, a check of the police records in Frankfurt and Oberursel disclosed nothing derogatory in the name of the subject or the business firm he represented. Records indicated that subject came to Frankfurt and registered at Forstmeistrasse 47 on 6 June 1950, previously he resided at Eschborn. Subject checked out of Frankfurt and registered at the Oberursel address on 7 September 1950.

On 24 February 1951, Frau Hilde Bohn-Trendelenburg, born 20 December 1921 at Eisfein, Germany and residing at Homburgerlandstrasse, 2/1, Oberursel, was interviewed regarding subject and furnished the following information:

Informant stated that since the summer of 1950, subject has rented a room at the Oberursel address, which he calls his second living quarters. Informant advised that previously subject lived in Frankfurt. Informant advised that subject told her that he came from Eschborn in the British Zone of Germany where he was registered. Subject also told informant that he had been discharged from the Internment Camp at Ludwigsburg. Informant advised that she did not know subject's political affiliations. Informant stated that subject was born in Austria. Informant advised that subject's wife was named "Hansi." Informant advised that she was a former biologist and was residing in Unsmarkt, Austria with her daughter. Informant advised that subject had a sister in Switzerland, in addition to a brother and sister in the United States, plus brothers residing in Austria. Informant advised that subject was an Agent Representative in the firm Commissions und Handels Gesellschaft, commission dealers in food provisions. It was believed to be an affiliate of Bruno DORNER, G.m.b.H., commission grain dealers, Westend Strasse 70, Frankfurt. Informant stated that subject traveled considerably to Munich and Stuttgart on business.

Commissions und Handels Gesellschaft m.b.H. (Commission and Trade Association, Ltd.) is a properly registered Commission firm. The registered head of the firm was listed as Dr. W. KAPS, resident of Bueren, Westfalen, British Zone of Germany. Subject was the commission firm agent representative in Frankfurt, quartered in the offices of Richenbach and Company, L.C., Westend Strasse 70, Frankfurt.

Reference: Document 1101959.

Subject: Trade in War Material

The file contained a memorandum dated 18 January 1951 which indicated that one Dr. HOFFMANN appeared to be a key figure in illegal East-West trade, including war materials. The memorandum made reference to a letter which was not included in the file, from subject addressed to one Siegfried EHRENBERGER, Beethovenstrasse 6, Munich, offering for sale among other items, eighty tons of chrome-molybdenum steel for rifle and machine gun barrels and for HE 9(sic) shells, and 6,000 tons of armor plate for "tigertanks." A copy of this letter was sent to Dr. Emil HOFFMANN, alias Fridolin HOFFMANN, Berlin-Zehlendorf.

Reference:

Subject: Helmut TRISKA

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The file contained an arrest record in the name of the subject which reflected as follows:

Name: Helmut TRISKA

Date of Birth: 10 February 1912 at Knittenfeld, Austria

Occupation: Gerundschaftsrat

Arrested at Camp 76 ASPEHO on 19 March 1946

Reason for Arrest: Sturmbannfuhrer, Allgemeine, SS
Sturmbannfuhrer, SA, Gauamtsleiter, Kreisamtsleiter

The file contained an Index Card in the name of the subject dated 20 March 1950 which revealed that he was classified by American authorities as most dangerous. Subject was promoted to a diplomatic post and furthered his career only through his party membership. Subject was a Sturmbannfuhrer in the Allgemeine SS, Sturmbannfuhrer in the SA, Gauamtsleiter and Kreisamtsleiter. Subject was in possession of the "Goldene Partei-Abzeichen," and H.J. EHRENZEICHEN. During an interrogation, subject impressed the interrogator as being a very ardent and arrogant Nazi.

Another Index Card, dated 10 March 1950, revealed that Subject was Counsillor to the German Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, dates not designated.

No additional pertinent information was contained at this source.

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Attachment - 1 (Under separate cover)

15 February 1957

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